

# COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**HB 2225 – Chapter 202 – trust land; agricultural classification; algaculture**

Defines *algaculture* to mean the controlled propagation, growth, and harvest of algae.

**HB 2438 – Chapter 176 – government land; private land; study**

- Creates the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Government and Private Lands to assess the effects of transferring private property to government entities. Requires a final report of the findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Governor, Legislature, and SOS by January 1, 2013. Provides a repeal date of from and after January 1, 2014.
- Requires DOR to contract with each county assessor to conduct a *property status study*. Directs DOR to report its results to the Governor, Legislature, and SOS by January 1, 2014.
- Reverts remaining monies from the FY 2007-08 appropriation to DWR for the upper San Pedro water district technical assistance to the GF. Appropriates \$132,213 from the GF in FY 2012-13 to DOR for the study. Unexpended funds revert to the GF on June 30, 2013.

**HB 2457 – Chapter 225 – \*hunting; possession of unauthorized weapons**

Enables a person to possess legal weapons or related paraphernalia as long as it is not used to take wildlife. Assesses a Class 1 misdemeanor for violations.

**HB 2494 – Chapter 256 – interstate compact; forests**

Allows the forestry agency of two or more party states to assume any delegated agency role in performing any forestry management function on federal lands in that state and to coordinate and unify the management of the forests that traverse the common boundary.

**HB 2640 – Chapter 75 – hunting; firearm magazine capacity**

Removes limits on the magazine capacity of authorized firearms used for taking wildlife.

**HB 2743 – Chapter 167 – school districts; renewable energy development**

Permits a school board to take action regarding the sale, lease, or purchase of school sites without a vote of the electors if the property is obtained through a renewable energy development agreement. Conforms the language to existing statute to make the related provision effective July 1, 2013.

**HB 2830 – Chapter 230 – energy and water savings account**

Allows a governing body of a city, town, or county to establish an energy and water savings account consisting of capital investment monies to fund energy or water savings projects. Monies deposited in the account are used to pay incremental costs of energy or water savings measures in facilities owned by the city, town, or county. Before implementation, requires the qualified provider or paying agent and the appropriate city, town, or county to review and approve the estimated amount of savings and the impact on associated costs. Both parties must jointly develop a repayment schedule, which must result in lower energy or water costs. The repayment schedule must be included in the contract, and cannot exceed a 15 year term.

*\*Note: The timeframe for the repayment schedule was later amended by Laws 2012, Chapter 306, to the term of the financial agreement or 25 years, whichever is shorter.*

**SB 1001 – Chapter 278 – military preservation; land exchanges**

Modifies the process for review, evaluation, and approval of proposed land exchanges of state trust lands for other public lands. Contains a conditional enactment clause, which requires an amendment to the Arizona Constitution at the next general election, held in November 2012, in order for the provisions of the bill to become effective.

**SB 1054 – Chapter 62 – underground mines; work hours**

Increases the maximum number of hours, from 8 to 12, any person employed in underground mining activities can work within a 24 hour period.

**SB 1075 – Chapter 135 – state forester; wildfire resource deployment**

Requires the State Forester to annually develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the development of state and local, public and private fire service provider contract resources for wildfire suppression activities. Requires the State Forester to consult with various firefighting agencies to develop a comprehensive wildfire development plan. Directs the State Forester to provide oversight to ensure standardized training and certification for all classifications of wildfire firefighters to be deployed, through a cooperator agreement, to any federal or state wildfire incident.

**SB 1171 – Chapter 17 – Arizona geological survey; powers; duties**

Revises the duties of the AZGS to prepare data files showing earth fissures, produce maps of the overlays with the affected areas, and transmit the information to DRE. Eliminates the requirement for ASLD to produce the maps.

**SB 1299 – Chapter 19 – Arizona geological survey; sunset continuation**

Continues the AZGS for 10 years until July 1, 2022.

**SB 1300 – Chapter 283 – game and fish department; continuation**

Continues G&F and the G&F Commission for 10 years until July 1, 2022. By January 1, 2014, requires the OAG to conduct a performance audit of the G&F, G&F Commission, and director and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and SOS.